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"The CHARIOT in the SKY!"

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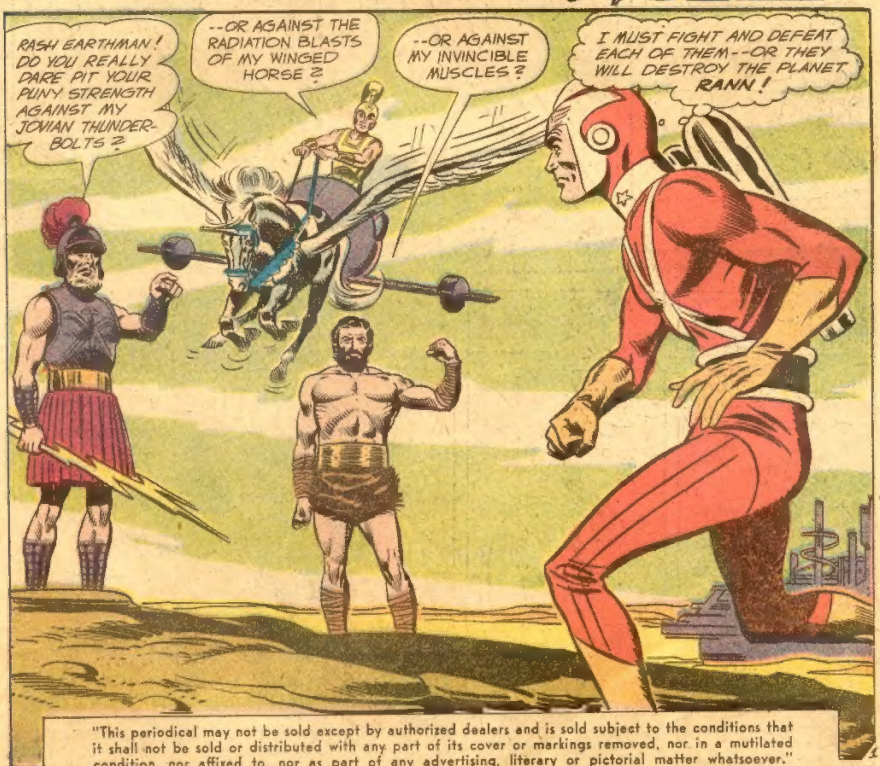
ADAM STRANGE

THEY CAME FROM OUTER SPACE--AND ALSO FROM THE MISTS OF TIME! REMEMBERED ON EARTH ONLY AS MYTHOLOGICAL CHARACTERS, THEY BECAME TERRIBLY REAL AND DANGEROUS TO THE PEOPLE OF **RANN**--THESE ALIEN BEINGS WHO CALLED THEMSELVES **JUPITER...APOLLO...HERCULES!**

THEN **ADAM STRANGE** CAME FLASHING ACROSS THE **25** TRILLION MILES BETWEEN EARTH AND **RANN**--BORNE ON THE WINGS OF A TELEPORTATIONAL BEAM--TO PIT HIS WITS AND COURAGE AGAINST THE EERIE THREAT OF THE ...

CHARIOT in the SKY


RASH EARTHMAN! DO YOU REALLY DARE PIT YOUR PUNY STRENGTH AGAINST MY JOVIAN THUNDERBOLTS?
--OR AGAINST THE RADIATION BLASTS OF MY WINGED HORSE?
--OR AGAINST MY INVINCIBLE MUSCLES?
I MUST FIGHT AND DEFEAT EACH OF THEM--OR THEY WILL DESTROY THE PLANET RANN!

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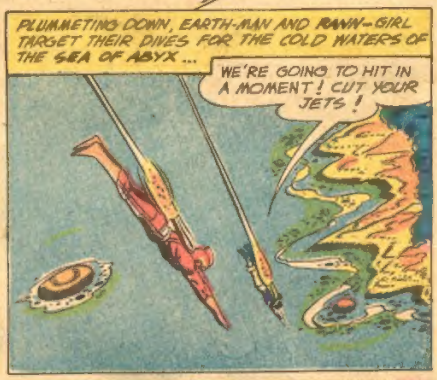
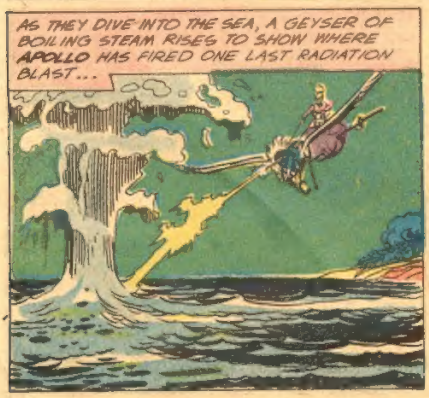
BORNE ALOFT ABOVE THE HEAVING WASTES OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, ON THE RED FLAMES OF HIS ROCKET-JET, ADAM STRANGE AWAITS THE COMING OF THE ZETA-BEAM FROM THE PLANET RANN...
THE BEAM'S DUE IN TEN SECONDS! TIME TO START MY COUNTDOWN....
TEN... NINE... EIGHT--WHAT IS THAT FLYING TOWARD ME? IT LOOKS LIKE--
--AN ICBM MISSILE! I MUST BE SMACK ON THE SOUTH ATLANTIC TRACKING RANGE! IT'S COMING RIGHT AT ME--WILL HIT ME--IF I DON'T GET OUT OF ITS WAY!
SEVEN... SIX...
ADAM HITS THE JET CONTROL--RISES UPWARD...
FIVE... FOUR...
I HOPE I TIME THIS RIGHT... OR THE ZETA-BEAM WILL MISS ME!
HE SOMERSAULTS INTO A LOOPOVER AS THE ICBM HURTLES BELOW...
THREE... TWO...
--AND COMES DOWN SMACK INTO THE FLARING BLAST OF THE TELEPORTATIONAL ZETA-BEAM FROM THE PLANET RANN!
ZERO!
AND ONCE AGAIN EARTHMAN ADAM STRANGE IS INSTANTLY TELEPORTED ACROSS 25 TRILLION MILES OF SPACE TO...
... THE PLANET RANN OF THE STAR-SUN ALPHA CENTAURI!

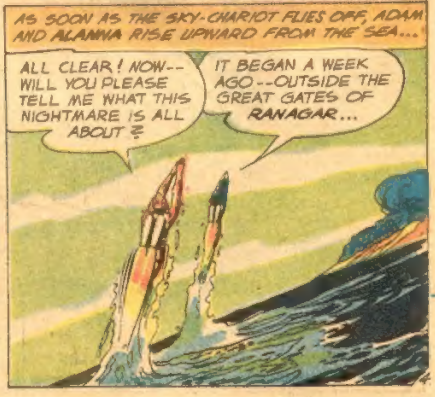
A MOMENT AFTER HIS FEET THUMP DOWN ON SOLID GROUND--THEY ARE KNOCKED OUT FROM UNDER HIM ...
ADAM--LOOK OUT...!
ALANNA--WHAT KIND OF RECEPTION IS THIS--
ZZZTT--
BAM!
WHEW!-- I'VE GROWN TO EXPECT DANGEROUS EXCITEMENT WHEN I LAND ON RANN, BUT THIS IS KIND OF RUSHING IT!
LEAPING TO THEIR FEET, ADAM AND ALANNA RACE TOWARD THE GIRL'S FLIER ...
HANG ON, ADAM! I'M TAKING HER UP!
CAN'T YOU EVEN--GIVE A GUY A CHANCE TO--CATCH HIS BREATH? WHAT'S GOING ON--?
A SEARING BLAST OF AWESOME POWER EXPLODES JUST BEHIND THE SPEEDY FLIER!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? THAT WAS A THUNDERBOLT--AND THE BEARDED MAN DOWN THERE IS JUPITER!
JUPITER!? IT CAN'T BE THE SAME--
NOW LOOK--UP AHEAD! HERE COMES ANOTHER OF THEM--THE ONE WHO CALLS HIMSELF APOLLO!
JUPITER--APOLLO! MYTHOLOGICAL ROMAN GODS--ON RANN--?!

THROUGH THE HORN OF HIS FLYING HORSE, APOLLO SHOOTS A DEADLY RADIATION BLAST AT THE FLIER--ENVELOPING IT IN FLAMES...
COME ON, ADAM--LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

ADAM'S HAND DROPS TO HIS RAY-GUN--LIFTS AND PRESSES THE FIRING STUD...
YOUR RAY-GUN CAN'T STOP THEM, ADAM! WE'VE GOT TO DUCK FOR COVER!


PLUMMETING DOWN, EARTH-MAN AND RANN-GIRL TARGET THEIR DIVES FOR THE COLD WATERS OF THE SEA OF ABYX...
WE'RE GOING TO HIT IN A MOMENT! CUT YOUR JETS!


AS THEY DIVE INTO THE SEA, A GEYSER OF BOILING STEAM RISES TO SHOW WHERE APOLLO HAS FIRED ONE LAST RADIATION BLAST...


AS SOON AS THE SKY-CHARIOT FLIES OFF, ADAM AND ALANNA RISE UPWARD FROM THE SEA...
ALL CLEAR! NOW--WILL YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHAT THIS NIGHTMARE IS ALL ABOUT?
IT BEGAN A WEEK AGO--OUTSIDE THE GREAT GATES OF RANAGAR...

"WHEN THE CITY GUARDS SPOTTED A POWERFUL-LOOKING MAN RIPPING OFF THOSE TON-HEAVY GATES -- AS IF THEY WERE MADE OF PAPER!"
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY PEOPLE? WITH DIANA? MERCURY? NEPTUNE? ANSWER ME -- OR I'LL PULL YOUR CITY DOWN AROUND YOUR EARS!
RIP!
"WE FIRED RAY-GUNS AT HIM BUT THEY HAD NO EFFECT AT ALL!"
I, HERCULES -- WILL MAKE YOU SORRY FOR HAVING CONQUERED OLYMPIA! THOUGH HOW YOU DID IT WITH SUCH PUNY WEAPONS I'LL NEVER KNOW!
WE TRIED TO REASON WITH HERCULES, TO CONVINCE HIM RANN WAS NOT THE PLANET HE CALLED OLYMPIA -- AND THAT WE HAD NOT CONQUERED IT DURING THE TIME HE AND JUPITER AND APOLLO WERE TRAVELING IN SPACE! BUT HE WOULDN'T BELIEVE US!
Hmmm... JUPITER PROBABLY THOUGHT I HAD SOME MIGHTY PECULIAR POWERS WHEN HE SAW ME MATERIALIZE OUT OF THIN AIR! MAYBE HE FIGURED I'D HELP CONQUER OLYMPIA -- AND FIRED A THUNDERBOLT AT ME IN REVENGE!
ADAM -- LOOK!
STANDING SIDE BY SIDE OUTSIDE THE SHATTERED GATES OF RANAGAR ARE THE THREE TITANS OUT OF SPACE...
PEOPLE OF RANN -- WE HAVE COME TO AVENGE OUR PEOPLE!
AS YOU DESTROYED THEM -- SO WE SHALL DESTROY YOU!

WITH A WHISPERED WORD TO ALANNA, ADAM DIVES GROUNDWARD...
LISTEN TO ME--MIGHTY ONES! AGES AGO YOU PEOPLE CAME TO EARTH--AND ARE REMEMBERED NOW AS MYTHS! BUT YOU ALWAYS ADMIRED FAIR PLAY AND SETTLED DUBIOUS QUESTIONS WITH--TRIAL BY COMBAT!
THAT IS TRUE! BUT WHAT CHAMPION HAVE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT ALL THREE OF US?
I WILL FIGHT YOU--USING "NOTHING" AGAINST APOLLO--USING ONLY A "THIN STEEL ROD" AGAINST JUPITER--USING JUST MY "BARE HANDS" AGAINST HERCULES!
HA! HA! HO! HO!
IF I WIN, YOU'LL REALIZE RANN IS NOT OLYMPIA AND LEAVE! SHOULD I LOSE, YOU MAY DO WHAT YOU WANT, WITHOUT OPPOSITION!
SO BE IT!
GET YOUR METAL ROD, EARTHMAN! I SHALL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF DEFEATING YOU FIRST!
ALONE WITH ALANNA IN A NEARBY LABORATORY, ADAM STRANGE SOOTHES HER FEARS...
ADAM, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND CHALLENGING THOSE MEN? YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY--
I'VE NEVER FAILED YOU YET, HAVE I? A FEW MORE MOMENTS, AND I'LL BE READY FOR MY DUEL WITH THOSE TITANS!
THROUGH BRIMMING EYES, THE GIRL OF RANN WATCHES HER SWEETHEART STEP FORTH TO DO BATTLE WITH JUPITER--MASTER OF THUNDERBOLTS--
ADAM--ADAM--IF ONLY I WERE AS CONFIDENT AS YOU--
MIGHTY JUPITER STEPS FORWARD AND LIFTS HIS HAND! A SIZZLING THUNDERBOLT DARTS STRAIGHT FOR THE MOTIONLESS ADAM STRANGE...
SSSST!
HA! HA! HE QUAKES WITH FEAR! HE CAN'T MOVE! I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT AND MERCIFUL!

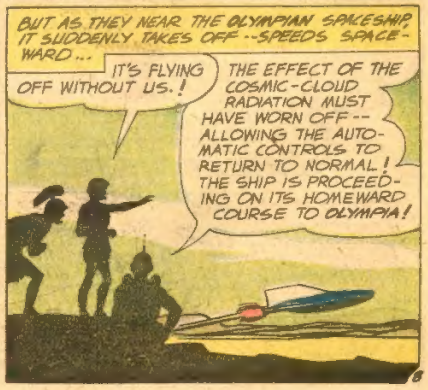
THE THUNDERBOLT HITS THE THIN METAL ROD ABOVE THE EARTHMAN--WRAPS HIM IN A SHEATH OF BRILLIANT CRACKLINGS--THEN SPEEDS BACK TOWARD THE STARTLED JUPITER!
I WORKED OUT A SAFETY DEVICE BY WHICH I TURNED MYSELF INTO A HUMAN LIGHTNING ROD--AND COULD THROW "JOVE'S" THUNDERBOLT RIGHT BACK AT HIM!
I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DID OR HOW YOU DID IT--BUT I YIELD!
I SHALL NOT YIELD! PREPARE TO PERISH, ADAM STRANGE!
FROM HIS GUN, ADAM STRANGE SHOOTS A QUEER BEAM SKYWARD, COMPLETELY SURROUNDING APOLLO, HIS WINGED HORSE AND CHARIOT...
THE BEAM IS A VACUUM BEAM--AND IN A VACUUM, WITHOUT AIR TO SUPPORT ITS WINGS--THE FLYING HORSE IS HELPLESS! THEY WILL FALL TO THE GROUND!
AT THE LAST MOMENT, ADAM SHUTS OFF THE VACUUM BEAM, PERMITTING THE HORSE TO RIGHT ITSELF AND BRING APOLLO SAFELY TO THE SURFACE OF RANN...
DO YOU YIELD?
I DO! YOU FULFILLED YOUR BOAST--BY DEFEATING ME WITH A VACUUM--NOTHINGNESS!
A BELLOW OF RAGE SUMMONS ADAM TO THE FINAL STRUGGLE...
YOU DEFEATED JUPITER AND APOLLO BY SCIENCE--BUT YOU CAN'T USE SCIENCE ON ME--NOT WITH YOUR BARE HANDS!
WE SHALL SEE, HERCULES!

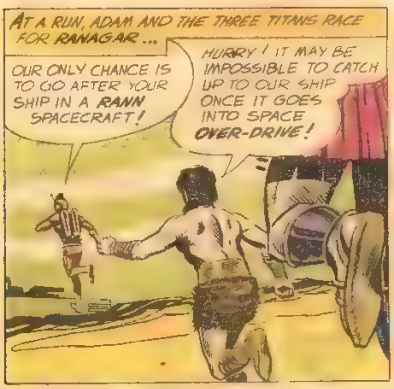
CONFIDENTIALLY, HERCULES REACHES FOR ADAM, ONLY TO HAVE HIS WRIST CAUGHT--HIS ARM TURNED--AND TO BE SENT FLYING HEELS OVER HEAD...
I'M USING THE SCIENCE OF JUDO--WHICH UTILIZES AN OPPONENT'S STRENGTH AND WEIGHT TO HIS DISADVANTAGE--LIKE THIS!
YIII!

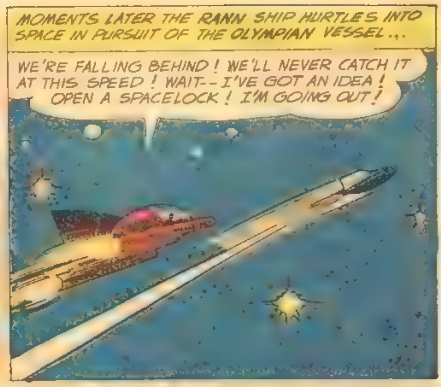
BY THE STARS, NOW I KNOW HOW YOU DEFEATED MY PEOPLE!
WE DID NOT DEFEAT YOUR PEOPLE! WE'VE NEVER HEARD OF THEM OR OLYMPIA--EXCEPT AS MYTHS ON EARTH! AS WE TOLD YOU, THIS IS THE PLANET RANN--NOT OLYMPIA!

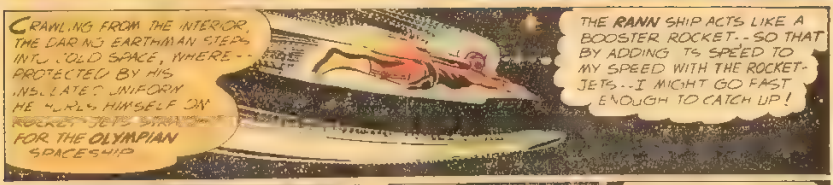
THEN IT IS STILL A MYSTERY WHAT HAPPENED TO US! IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION, WE WERE TRAVELING IN SPACE ON AUTOMATIC CONTROLS, OUR COURSE SET FOR OLYMPIA! WHEN OUR JOURNEY WAS OVER--WE AWOKE AND FOUND OURSELVES HERE!
THINK HARD! DID ANYTHING UNUSUAL HAPPEN ON YOUR TRIP?

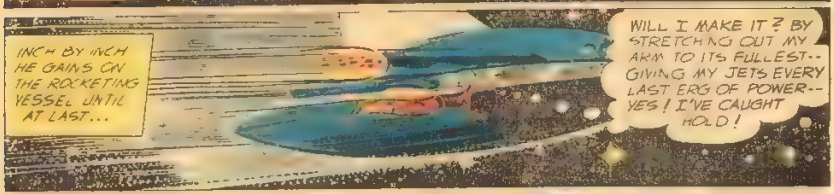
HERCULES--OUR INSTRUMENTS SHOWED WE HAD GONE THROUGH A MYSTERIOUS COSMIC-CLOUD RADIATION! PERHAPS IT AFFECTED OUR AUTOMATIC CONTROLS--THREW US OFF COURSE!
LET'S GO TO YOUR SPACE-SHIP--AND CHECK THE CONTROLS!

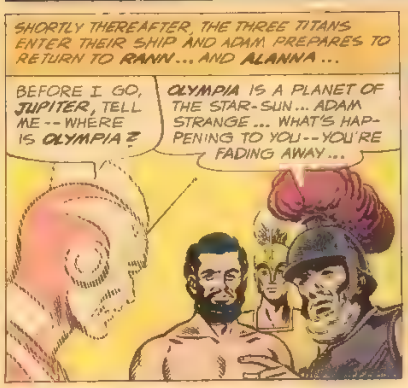

BUT AS THEY NEAR THE OLYMPIAN SPACESHIP, IT SUDDENLY TAKES OFF--SPEEDS SPACEWARD...
IT'S FLYING OFF WITHOUT US.!
THE EFFECT OF THE COSMIC-CLOUD RADIATION MUST HAVE WORN OFF--ALLOWING THE AUTOMATIC CONTROLS TO RETURN TO NORMAL! THE SHIP IS PROCEEDING ON ITS HOMEWARD COURSE TO OLYMPIA!

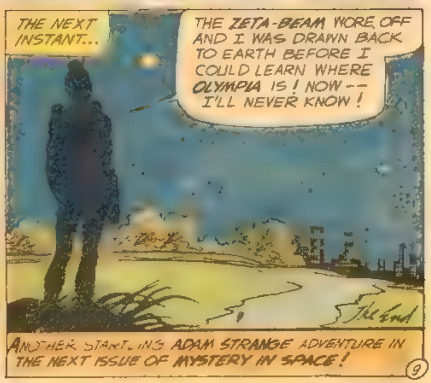

AT A RUN, ADAM AND THE THREE TITANS RACE FOR RANAGAR ...
OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO GO AFTER YOUR SHIP IN A RANN SPACECRAFT!
HURRY! IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CATCH UP TO OUR SHIP ONCE IT GOES INTO SPACE OVER-DRIVE!


MOMENTS LATER THE RANN SHIP HURTLES INTO SPACE IN PURSUIT OF THE OLYMPIAN VESSEL ...
WE'RE FALLING BEHIND! WE'LL NEVER CATCH IT AT THIS SPEED! WAIT--I'VE GOT AN IDEA! OPEN A SPACELOCK! I'M GOING OUT!


CRAWLING FROM THE INTERIOR, THE DARING EARTHMAN STEPS INTO COLD SPACE, WHERE--PROTECTED BY HIS INSULATED UNIFORM HE HURLS HIMSELF ON ROCKET-JETS STRAIGHT FOR THE OLYMPIAN SPACESHIP
THE RANN SHIP ACTS LIKE A BOOSTER ROCKET--SO THAT BY ADDING ITS SPEED TO MY SPEED WITH THE ROCKET-JETS--I MIGHT GO FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH UP!


INCH BY INCH HE GAINS ON THE ROCKETING VESSEL UNTIL AT LAST...
WILL I MAKE IT? BY STRETCHING OUT MY ARM TO ITS FULLEST--GIVING MY JETS EVERY LAST ERG OF POWER--YES! I'VE CAUGHT HOLD!

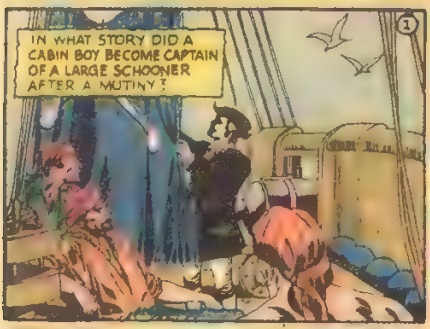

SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE THREE TITANS ENTER THEIR SHIP AND ADAM PREPARES TO RETURN TO RANN ... AND ALANNA ...
BEFORE I GO, JUPITER, TELL ME--WHERE IS OLYMPIA?
OLYMPIA IS A PLANET OF THE STAR-SUN ... ADAM STRANGE ... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU--YOU'RE FADING AWAY ...

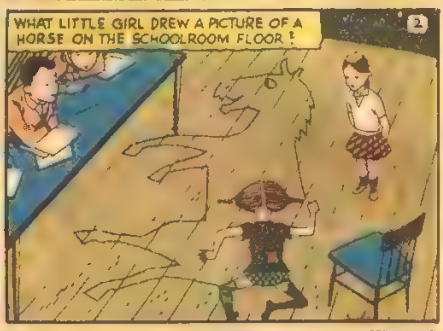

THE NEXT INSTANT...
THE ZETA-BEAM WORE OFF AND I WAS DRAWN BACK TO EARTH BEFORE I COULD LEARN WHERE OLYMPIA IS! NOW--I'LL NEVER KNOW!
The End

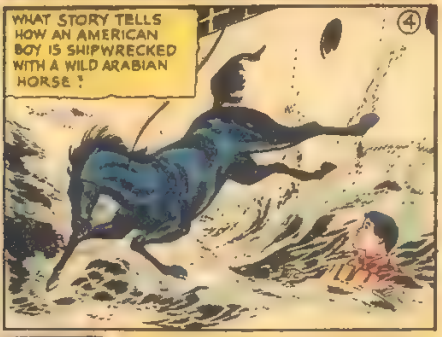
ANOTHER STARTLING ADAM STRANGE ADVENTURE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF MYSTERY IN SPACE!

BUZZY'S "FAMOUS BOOKS" Quiz

(ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL)







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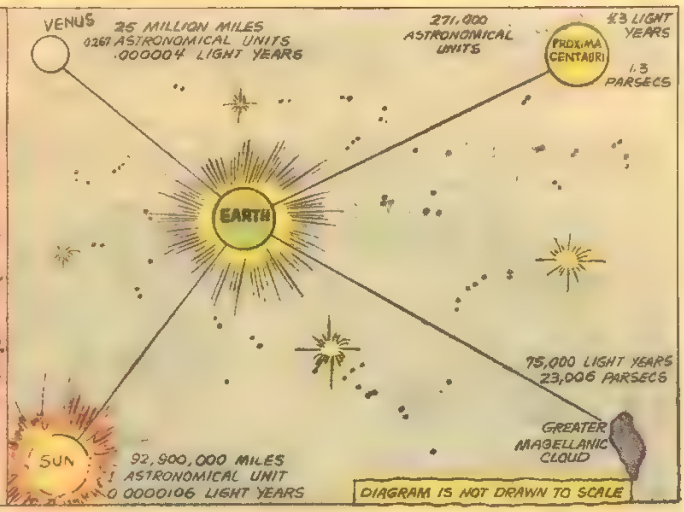
BECAUSE OF THE TREMENDOUS MILEAGE DISTANCES BETWEEN ASTRONOMICAL BODIES, IT IS MORE CONVENIENT TO EXPRESS THESE DISTANCES IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ASTRONOMICAL CONSTANTS: **LIGHT YEAR** (5,880,000,000,000 MILES), **PARSEC** (3.26 LIGHT YEARS, OR 19.2 TRILLION MILES), **ASTRONOMICAL UNIT** (92,900,000 MILES). DEPICTED HEREWITH ARE THE DISTANCES BETWEEN EARTH AND THE CLOSEST PLANET, SUN; CLOSEST STAR; AND CLOSEST GALAXY...



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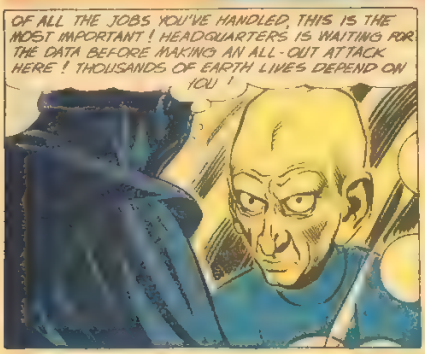
The DANCING TREES OF POLARIS-SEVEN!

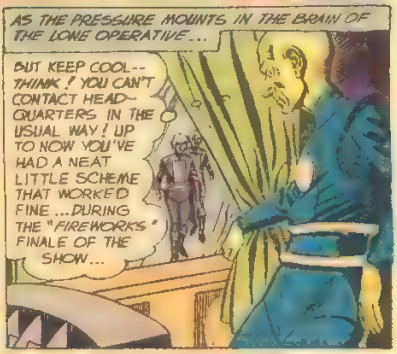
THOSE MONR-EAN AGENTS WATCHING ME... WAITING ONLY UNTIL I FINISH MY ACT BEFORE THEY GRAB ME -- AND EXPOSE ME AS AN EARTH-SPY!
TO SERVE AS A DISGUISE IN HIS WORK AS A SECRET OPERATIVE FOR THE EARTH FORCES OF THE 23RD CENTURY, TED WALKER HAD CREATED A UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT ACT!
BUT THE EARTHLING AGENT NEVER SUSPECTED THAT SOME DAY HIS NOVELTY ACT WOULD BE OF DRAMATIC SERVICE TO HIM IN THE GREATEST EMERGENCY OF HIS CAREER!

IN THE MOHR-BAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, A CRITICAL MOMENT... AS EVIDENCE OF ENEMY ESPIONAGE COMES TO LIGHT...
IT MUST BE A SPY LEADER! ALL THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO IT! THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION THE EARTH FORCES HAVE ATTACKED AND TAKEN OUR OUTLYING FORTRESS—PLANETS! AND EACH TIME...
THE INVADERS KNEW EXACTLY WHERE TO STRIKE TO KNOCK OUT OUR CAMOUFLAGED DEFENSIVE INSTALLATIONS! OUR FORCES HAD NO CHANCE!
WE KNOW ALL THAT, GENERAL KU-UM!
BUT HAVE YOU ANY CLUES TO THIS SPY YOU SPEAK OF?
ONLY ONE, LEADER! JUST PRIOR TO THE EARTH INVASIONS, THE THREE PLANETS IN QUESTION WERE VISITED BY AN ENTERTAINMENT TROUPE OF OUR PSYCHO-MORALE ORGANIZATION...
IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT THE EARTH OPERATIVE IS SOMEONE IN THE TROUPE--PRESENTLY VISITING POLARIS-SEVEN!
POLARIS-SEVEN!? BUT THAT PLANET IS THE KEYSTONE OF OUR DEFENSE PERIMETER IT MUST NOT FALL TO THE ENEMY EARTH!
GENERAL KU-UM, IT IS IMPERATIVE YOU FIND THAT SPY--OR OUR WAR AGAINST EARTH MAY BE LOST!
OUR BEST AGENTS ARE ALREADY AT WORK, LEADER! I ASSURE YOU--THEY WILL NOT FAIL!

AT THAT MOMENT ON THE SEVENTH PLANET OF THE STAR-SUN POLARIS...
ANY LUCK UNMASKING THE EARTH-SPY, FRASTER?
ALL OF THIS TROUPE HAS BEEN CLEARED, GORM!--EXCEPT TWO! THAT JUGGLER OUT THERE...
.. AND DITMOS... THE ONE WHO MAKES TREES DANCE! HE COMES ON LATER IN THE SHOW...
PLACE AN ABSOLUTE SECURITY GUARD-- ON BOTH OF THEM!
AS DITMOS.. THE "ONE WHO MAKES TREES DANCE"..GOES INTO HIS STARTLING ACT BEFORE THE MOHR-BAN TROOPS...
AMAZING! HE PLAYS THAT FLUTE AND THE LITTLE TREES BEFORE HIM TWIST AND TURN LIKE DANCERS IN TIME WITH THE RHYTHM!
AFTERWARD, IN HIS DRESSING ROOM, THOUGHTS FLASH THROUGH THE MIND OF DITMOS..
I SPOTTED THEM--NO DOUBT OF IT! MOHR-BAN AGENTS WATCHING ME! THAT MEANS THEY'RE CLOSING IN--AND THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT!
OUTWARDLY COOL, THE UNIQUE MUSICIAN THOUGHT-TALKS TO HIS IMAGE IN A MIRROR
WELL, TEO WALKER EARTHMAN--YOU KNEW WHEN YOU STARTED PLAYING THIS DANGEROUS GAME, YOU MIGHT BE CAUGHT--AND FORFEIT YOUR LIFE! BUT YOU MUST AVOID CAPTURE--JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...

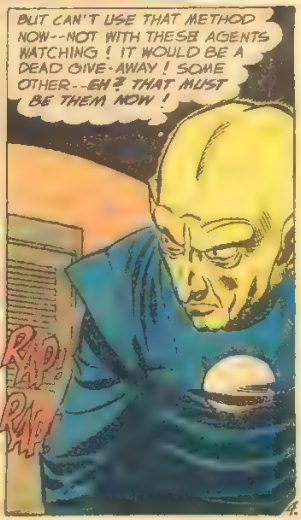
YOU'VE ALREADY FOUND OUT, BY WANDERING AROUND AND USING YOUR EYES AND EARS, WHERE THE MOHR-BAN MISSILE BASES ARE ON THIS PLANET! AND YOU MUST RELAY THAT INFORMATION TO THE EARTH FLEET--AT ALL COSTS!


OF ALL THE JOBS YOU'VE HANDLED, THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT! HEADQUARTERS IS WAITING FOR THE DATA BEFORE MAKING AN ALL-OUT ATTACK HERE! THOUSANDS OF EARTH LIVES DEPEND ON YOU!


AS THE PRESSURE MOUNTS IN THE BRAIN OF THE LONE OPERATIVE...
BUT KEEP COOL--THINK! YOU CAN'T CONTACT HEADQUARTERS IN THE USUAL WAY! UP TO NOW YOU'VE HAD A NEAT LITTLE SCHEME THAT WORKED FINE...DURING THE "FIREWORKS" FINALE OF THE SHOW...

"AT THAT TIME, ALL THE PERFORMERS TOGETHER SHOOT OFF HAND-ROCKETS! IT MAKES QUITE A SIGHT"
"BUT NO ONE SUSPECTED THAT YOURS WASN'T AN ORDINARY ROCKET"

"...BUT WAS POWERED BY A TINY ATOMIC MOTOR...AND SO KEPT ON GOING SPACEWARD..."
"...WITH A BUILT-IN MECHANISM TO TAKE IT STRAIGHT TO THE FLAGSHIP OF THE EARTH FLEET, CARRYING YOUR MESSAGE!"


BUT CAN'T USE THAT METHOD NOW--NOT WITH THESE AGENTS WATCHING! IT WOULD BE A DEAD GIVE-AWAY! SOME OTHER--EH? THAT MUST BE THEM NOW!
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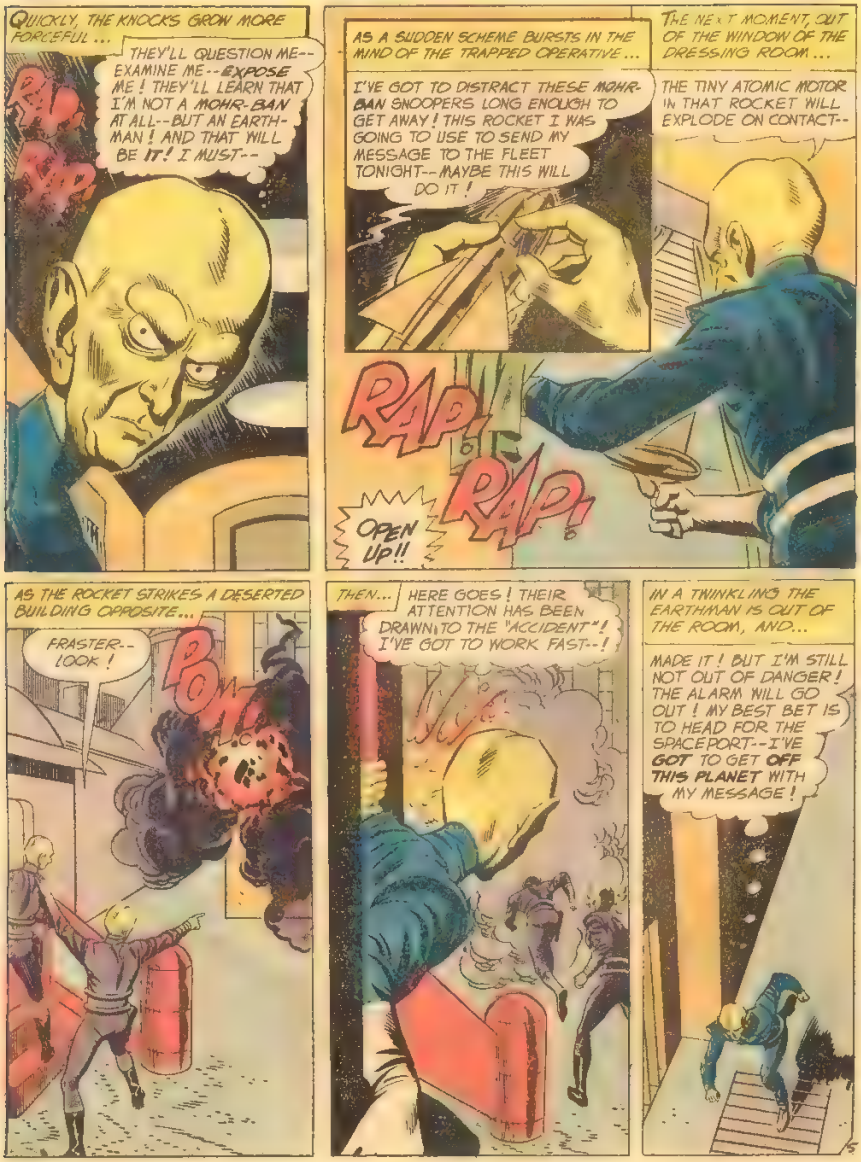
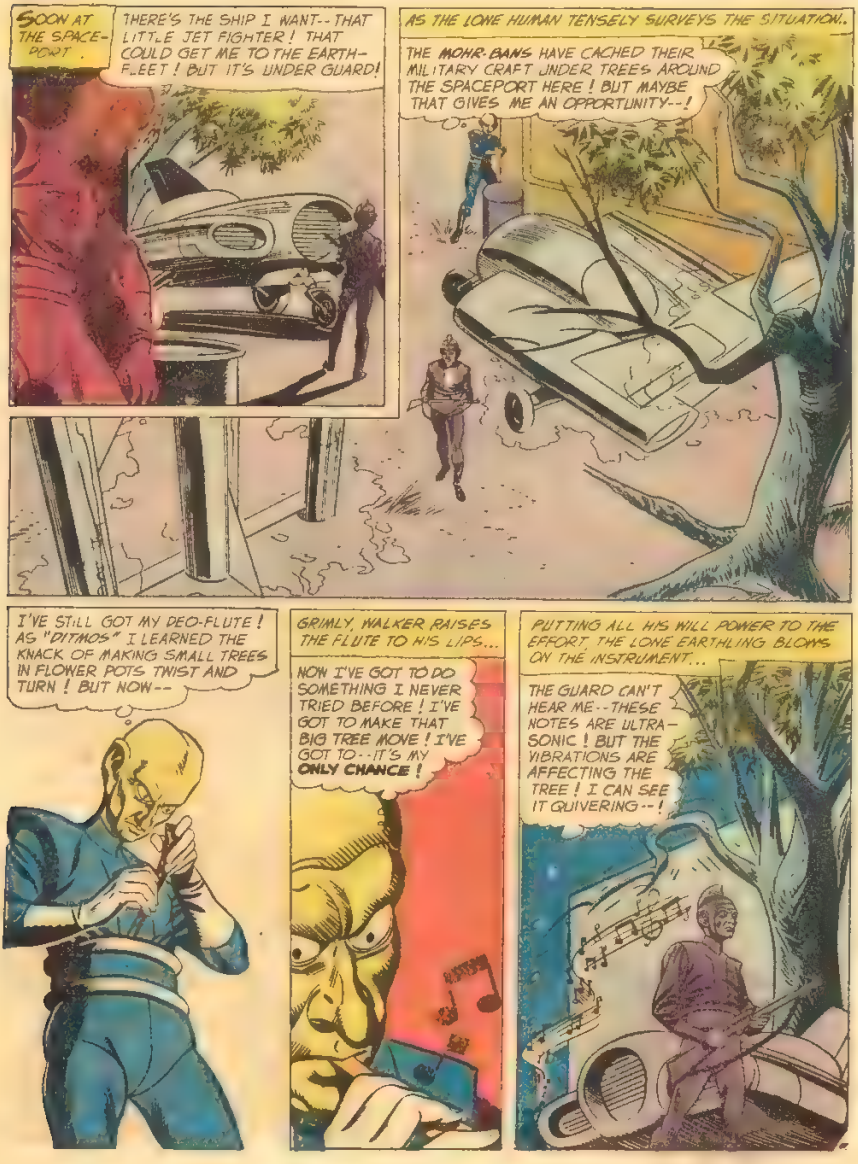
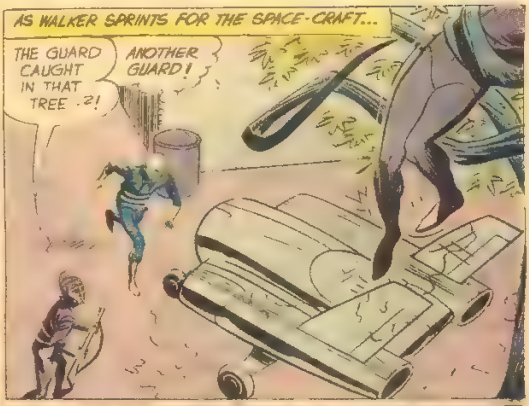
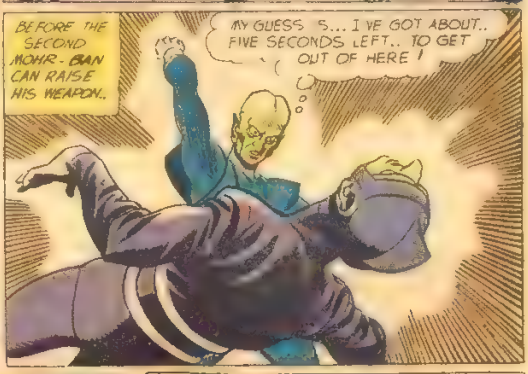
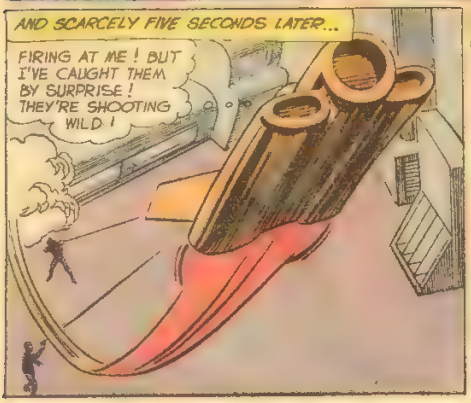

QUICKLY, THE KNOCKS GROW MORE FORCEFUL ...
THEY'LL QUESTION ME--EXAMINE ME--EXPOSE ME! THEY'LL LEARN THAT I'M NOT A MOHR-BAN AT ALL--BUT AN EARTHMAN! AND THAT WILL BE IT! I MUST--
RAP! RAP!
AS A SUDDEN SCHEME BURSTS IN THE MIND OF THE TRAPPED OPERATIVE ...
I'VE GOT TO DISTRACT THESE MOHR-BAN SNOOPERS LONG ENOUGH TO GET AWAY! THIS ROCKET I WAS GOING TO USE TO SEND MY MESSAGE TO THE FLEET TONIGHT--MAYBE THIS WILL DO IT!
THE NEXT MOMENT, OUT OF THE WINDOW OF THE DRESSING ROOM ...
THE TINY ATOMIC MOTOR IN THAT ROCKET WILL EXPLODE ON CONTACT--
RAP! RAP!
OPEN UP!!
AS THE ROCKET STRIKES A DESERTED BUILDING OPPOSITE...
FRASTER--LOOK!
BOM
THEN... HERE GOES! THEIR ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN TO THE "ACCIDENT"! I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST--!
IN A TWINKLING THE EARTHMAN IS OUT OF THE ROOM, AND...
MADE IT! BUT I'M STILL NOT OUT OF DANGER! THE ALARM WILL GO OUT! MY BEST BET IS TO HEAD FOR THE SPACEPORT--I'VE GOT TO GET OFF THIS PLANET WITH MY MESSAGE!

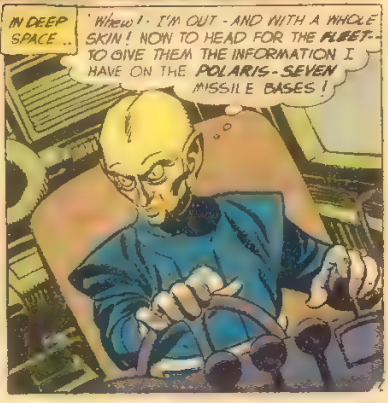

SOON AT THE SPACE-PORT.
THERE'S THE SHIP I WANT--THAT LITTLE JET FIGHTER! THAT COULD GET ME TO THE EARTH-FLEET! BUT IT'S UNDER GUARD!
AS THE LONE HUMAN TENSELY SURVEYS THE SITUATION..
THE MOHR-BANS HAVE CACHED THEIR MILITARY CRAFT UNDER TREES AROUND THE SPACEPORT HERE! BUT MAYBE THAT GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY--!
I'VE STILL GOT MY DEO-FLUTE! AS "DITMOS" I LEARNED THE KNACK OF MAKING SMALL TREES IN FLOWER POTS TWIST AND TURN! BUT NOW--
GRIMLY, WALKER RAISES THE FLUTE TO HIS LIPS...
NOW I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING I NEVER TRIED BEFORE! I'VE GOT TO MAKE THAT BIG TREE MOVE! I'VE GOT TO--IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!
PUTTING ALL HIS WILL POWER TO THE EFFORT, THE LONE EARTHLING BLOWS ON THE INSTRUMENT...
THE GUARD CAN'T HEAR ME--THESE NOTES ARE ULTRA-SONIC! BUT THE VIBRATIONS ARE AFFECTING THE TREE! I CAN SEE IT QUIVERING--!

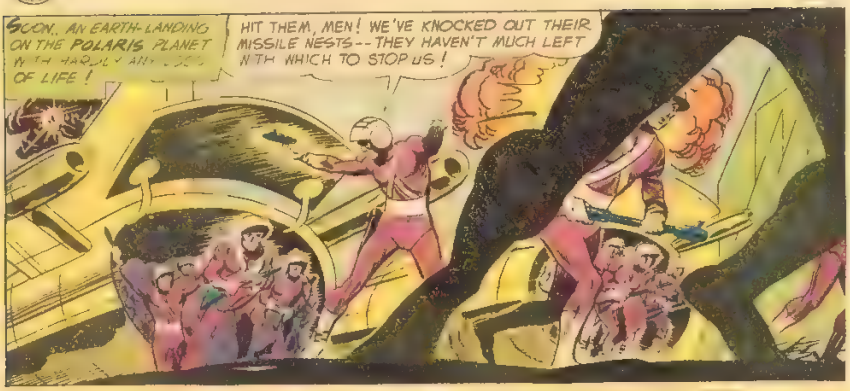
THE NEXT MOMENT, THE LIMBS OF THE TREE WRITHE DOWN AND TWIST THEMSELVES AROUND THE ASTONISHED GUARD
DID IT! I MADE THE TREE OBEY ME! NOW TO GET TO THAT FIGHTER--!

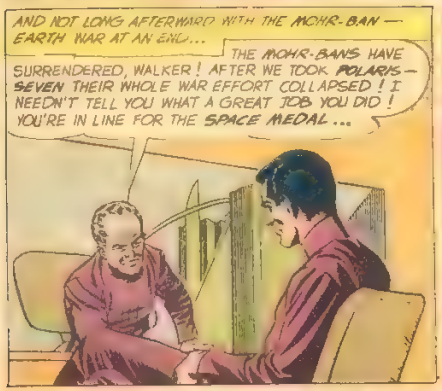

AS WALKER SPRINTS FOR THE SPACE-CRAFT...
THE GUARD CAUGHT IN THAT TREE--!
ANOTHER GUARD!

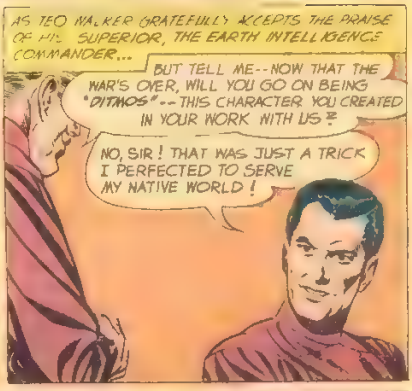

BEFORE THE SECOND MOHR-BAN CAN RAISE HIS WEAPON..
MY GUESS IS... I'VE GOT ABOUT.. FIVE SECONDS LEFT.. TO GET OUT OF HERE!

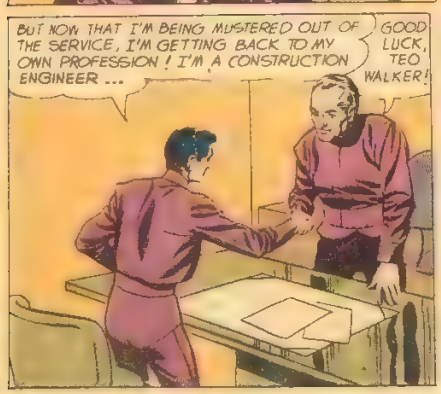

AND SCARCELY FIVE SECONDS LATER...
FIRING AT ME! BUT I'VE CAUGHT THEM BY SURPRISE! THEY'RE SHOOTING WILD!

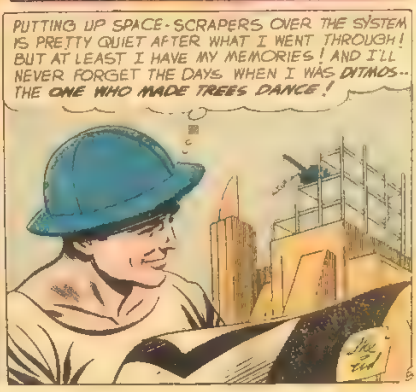

IN DEEP SPACE..
Whew! - I'M OUT - AND WITH A WHOLE SKIN! NOW TO HEAD FOR THE FLEET - TO GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION I HAVE ON THE POLARIS-SEVEN MISSILE BASES!


SOON, AN EARTH-LANDING ON THE POLARIS PLANET WITH HARDLY ANY TRACE OF LIFE !
HIT THEM, MEN ! WE'VE KNOCKED OUT THEIR MISSILE NESTS -- THEY HAVEN'T MUCH LEFT WITH WHICH TO STOP US !


AND NOT LONG AFTERWARD WITH THE MOHR-BAN — EARTH WAR AT AN END...
THE MOHR-BANS HAVE SURRENDERED, WALKER ! AFTER WE TOOK POLARIS — SEVEN THEIR WHOLE WAR EFFORT COLLAPSED ! I NEEDN'T TELL YOU WHAT A GREAT JOB YOU DID ! YOU'RE IN LINE FOR THE SPACE MEDAL ...


AS TEO WALKER GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS THE PRAISE OF HIS SUPERIOR, THE EARTH INTELLIGENCE COMMANDER...
BUT TELL ME -- NOW THAT THE WAR'S OVER, WILL YOU GO ON BEING "DITMOS" -- THIS CHARACTER YOU CREATED IN YOUR WORK WITH US ?
NO, SIR ! THAT WAS JUST A TRICK I PERFECTED TO SERVE MY NATIVE WORLD !


BUT NOW, THAT I'M BEING MUSTERED OUT OF THE SERVICE, I'M GETTING BACK TO MY OWN PROFESSION ! I'M A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER ...
GOOD LUCK, TEO WALKER !


PUTTING UP SPACE-SCRAPERS OVER THE SYSTEM IS PRETTY QUIET AFTER WHAT I WENT THROUGH ! BUT AT LEAST I HAVE MY MEMORIES ! AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAYS WHEN I WAS DITMOS -- THE ONE WHO MADE TREES DANCE !

Dear Science Editor,

After a missile has been fired into outer space, what appearance does it make as it falls back through the earth's atmosphere?

W.A., Alameda, Calif.

Dear W.A.,

The high-speed re-entry of a missile into the earth's atmosphere is of a spectacular nature! As part of *Operation Gaslight*, an Army Jupiter Missile AM-5 was fired into outer space on May 18, 1958. According to the official report of the Army Ballistic Agency, "Comdr. R. G. Brown, captain of the U.S.S. *Stickell*, was the first to spot the reentry phenomena. At the time he spotted the light, it appeared about as bright as a star of third magnitude. The appearance occurred almost exactly where the correct position was predicted.

"Within 3 seconds after the first re-entry light was observed, the phenomena had blossomed into 3 distinct objects. The brightest object appeared similar to a huge magnesium flare, which was assumed to be the booster. The light emitted by this object definitely pulsated as if the body were tumbling through space. At one time, the body's trajectory was nearly in line with the planet Jupiter. It was estimated that the brightness was at least 1,000 times that of the planet.

"The second brightest visual object was a beautiful blue-green. This was assumed to be the instrument compartment. The blue-green light may have resulted from the copper and magnesium in this section. The actual trajectory of the instrument compartment during its burning stage was much shorter than the booster and the nose cone. Slightly past the midpoint of the visible trace, the blue-green light turned nearly white and then burned out.

"The nose cone never reached a white color. The radiation in the visible spectrum was orange-red in color. Visibility of the nose cone, spacewise, began slightly behind the booster, and then moved ahead of the booster. During the last few seconds of the visible flight, the booster and nose cone moved behind the large cumulus cloud to the south of the U.S.S. *Stickell*. The radiation was so intense that the whole cloud became illuminated. It was in this section of the flight that the booster ceased to glow and became invisible. The nose cone was seen to apppear from behind the cloud and was tracked for another couple of seconds before it cooled enough to become invisible. The total time of visibility from the position of the U.S.S. *Stickell* was approximately 27 seconds."

Science Editor

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Dear Science Editor,

I understand that many astronomers believe other planets exist beyond our solar system. Has any visible proof of these planets ever been obtained?

E. P., Houston, Texas

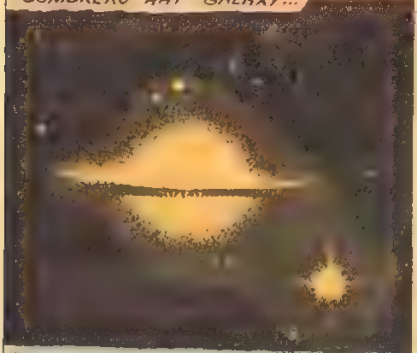
Dear E.P.,

If other star-sun planets exist, they are much too small and much too distant to be detected by any of our present-day instruments. Nevertheless, the presence of extra-solar system planets was discovered as far back as 1943 during an investigation of the motion of two double stars, 61 Cygni and 70 Ophiuchi. In the gravitational sphere of 61 Cygni there was observed a body with a mass 0.016 of the sun, and similarly to 70 Ophiuchi a world of mass 0.01. These planets' masses, accordingly, are at least ten times greater than the mass of our largest planet, Jupiter. Moreover, their presence indicates that other planets of smaller dimensions may exist, which cannot be discovered because of their slight effect on the motion of the visible worlds. Since these effects concern displacements on the photographic plate of the order of less than two-millionth's part of a meter, you can understand how very precise these measurements would have to be.

Science Editor

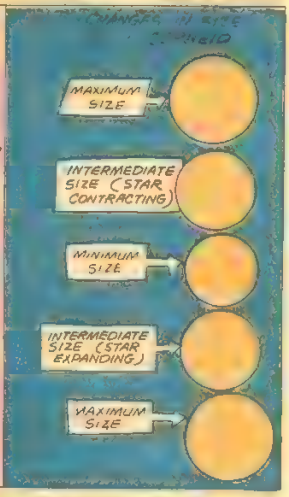
OUR AMAZING UNIVERSE!

A DARK BAND -- THE OBSCURING EFFECT OF HUGE DUST CLOUDS -- IN FRONT OF **GALAXY NGC 4594** IMPARTS TO THE GALAXY THE APPEARANCE OF A **SOMBRERO HAT** -- HENCE HAS BEEN DUBBED BY ASTRONOMERS THE "**SOMBRERO HAT**" GALAXY...

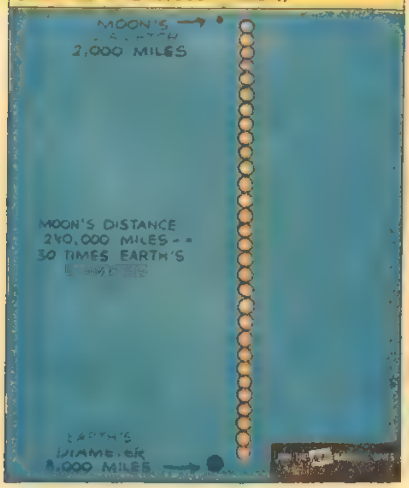


"**SOMBRERO HAT**" **GALAXY** -- 7½ MILLION LIGHT YEARS FROM EARTH

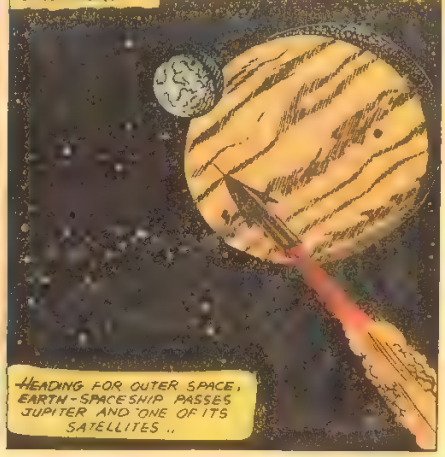
CEPHEID VARIABLES ARE STARS WHICH UNDERGO PERIODIC **SIZE** AND **BRIGHTNESS**. BECAUSE OF THESE REMARKABLE PULSATIONS, ASTRONOMERS ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE ACCURATELY THE DISTANCES OF ANY STAR CLUSTER OR GALAXY IN WHICH THE **CEPHEIDS** ARE SITUATED...



30 EARTHS -- PLACED END TO END -- WOULD REACH FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON -- A DISTANCE OF 240,000 MILES ..

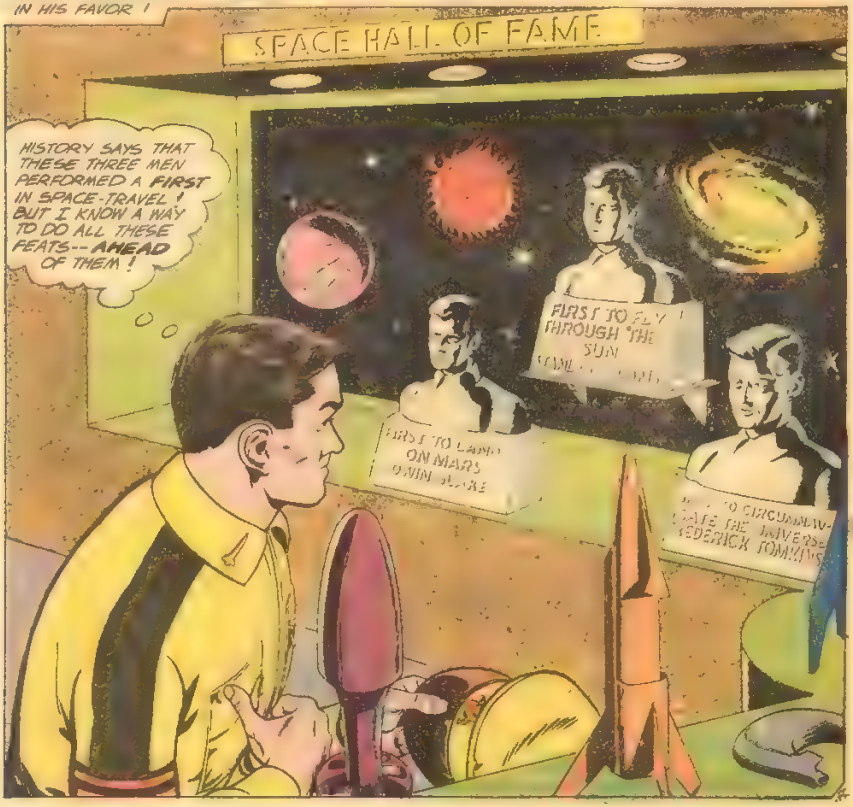


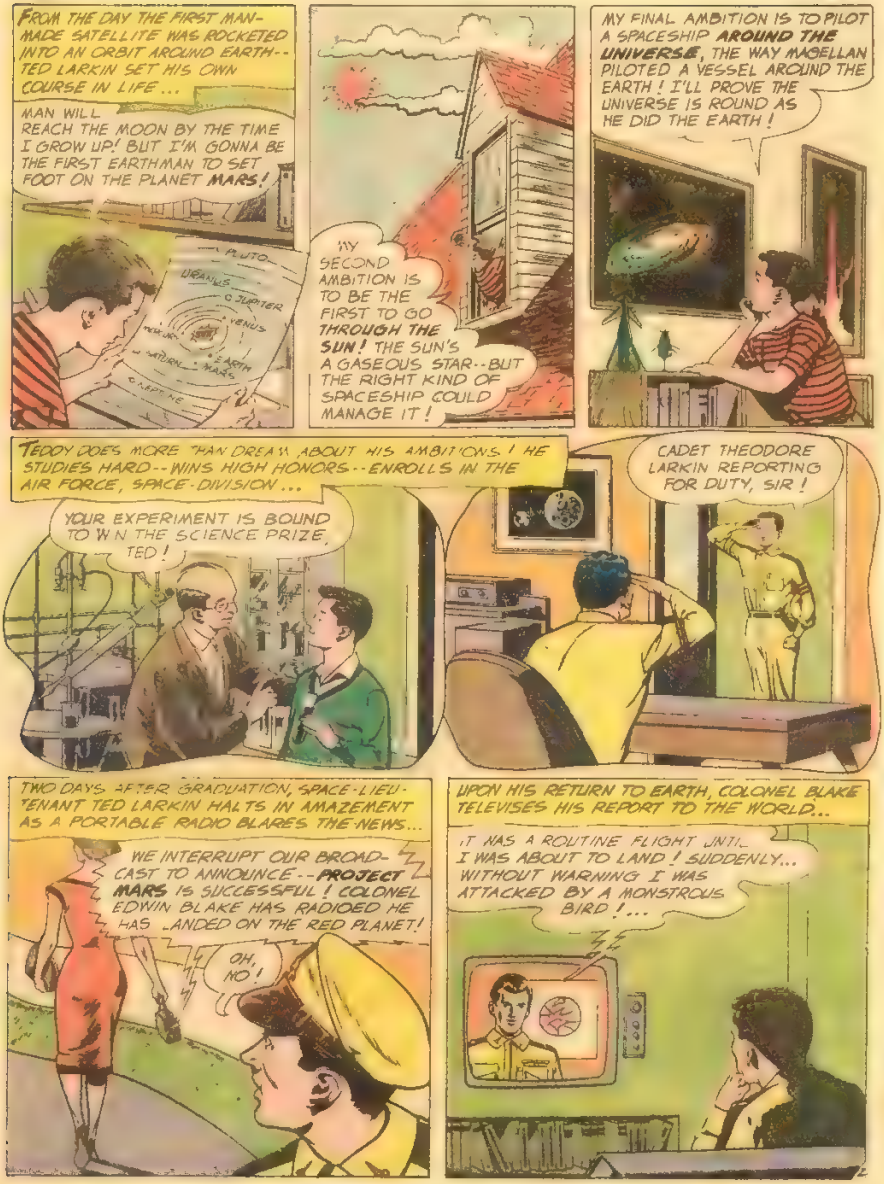
IF A SPACESHIP COULD TRAVEL THE 93 MILLION MILES FROM EARTH TO THE NEAREST STAR (OUR SUN) IN **ONE DAY**, IT WOULD TAKE 268,817 DAYS TO TRAVEL TO THE NEXT NEAREST STAR, **PROXIMA CENTAURI** --



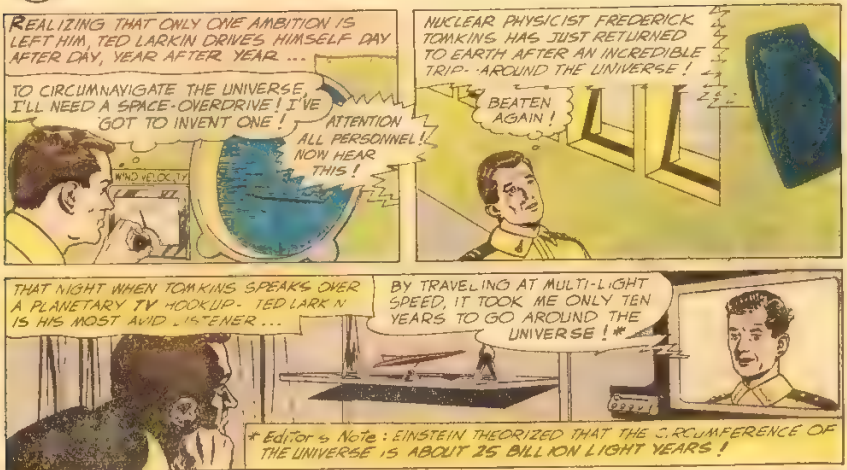
The Amazing Journeys into SPACE!

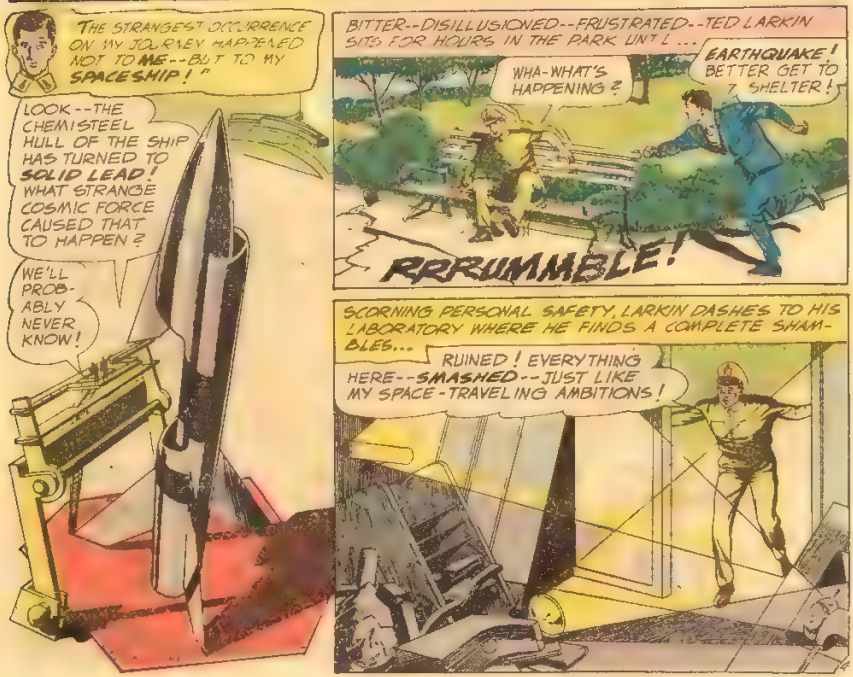
THE DREAMS OF YOUTH ARE MAGICAL ILLUSIONS, TOO OFTEN FADING OUT WITH ADULTHOOD! TO TED LARKIN, HOWEVER, YOUTHFUL DREAMS ARE MEANT TO BE LIVED! HE SETS HIMSELF THREE GOALS IN LIFE--ONLY TO SEE OTHER MEN ACHIEVE THEM FIRST! THEN FATE AND A FREAK ACCIDENT COMBINE TO GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNLOCK THE DOORWAYS OF TIME AND REWRITE THE BOOKS OF HISTORY IN HIS FAVOR!

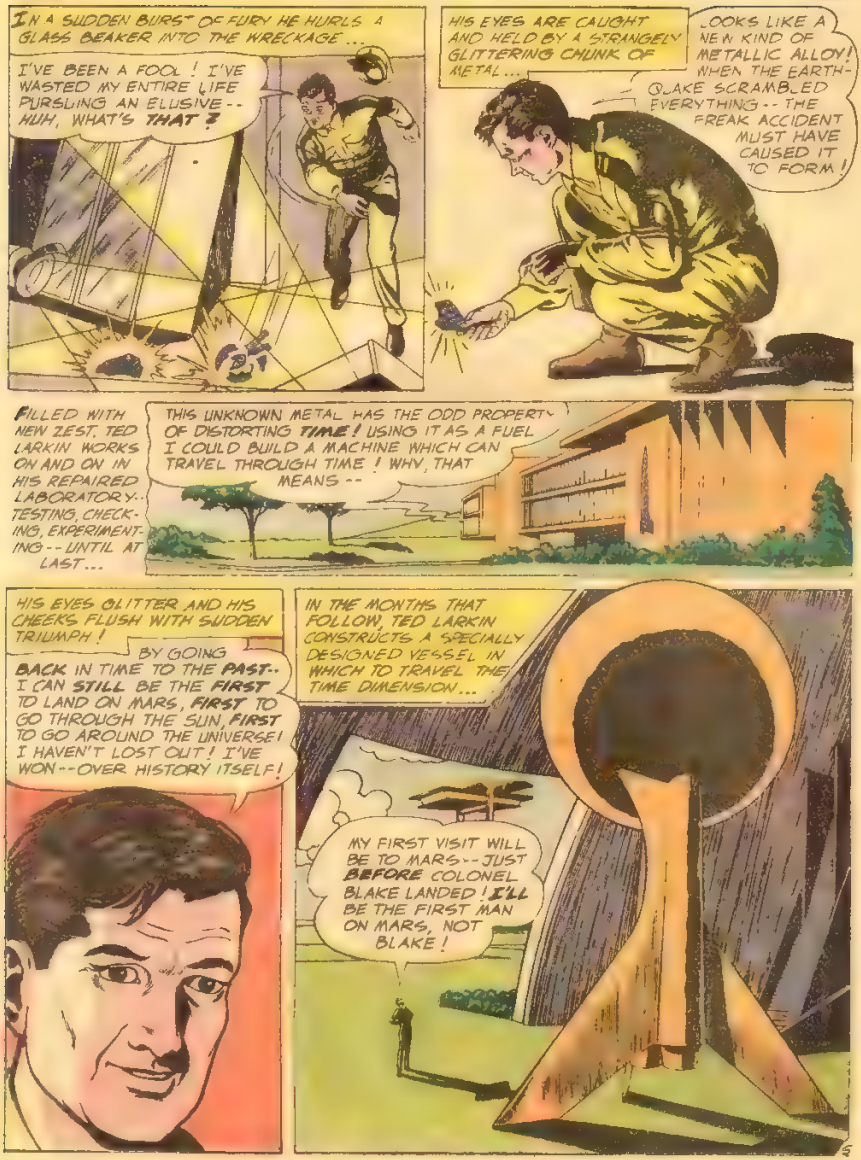

SPACE HALL OF FAME
HISTORY SAYS THAT THESE THREE MEN PERFORMED A FIRST IN SPACE-TRAVEL! BUT I KNOW A WAY TO DO ALL THESE FEATS--AHEAD OF THEM!
FIRST TO FLY THROUGH THE SUN
FIRST TO LAND ON MARS
FREDERICK TOMLINS


FROM THE DAY THE FIRST MAN-MADE SATELLITE WAS ROCKETED INTO AN ORBIT AROUND EARTH--TED LARKIN SET HIS OWN COURSE IN LIFE ...
MAN WILL REACH THE MOON BY THE TIME I GROW UP! BUT I'M GONNA BE THE FIRST EARTHMAN TO SET FOOT ON THE PLANET MARS!
PLUTO
URANUS
JUPITER
VENUS
MERCURY
SATURN
EARTH
MARS
NEPTUNE
MY SECOND AMBITION IS TO BE THE FIRST TO GO THROUGH THE SUN! THE SUN'S A GASEOUS STAR--BUT THE RIGHT KIND OF SPACESHIP COULD MANAGE IT!
MY FINAL AMBITION IS TO PILOT A SPACESHIP AROUND THE UNIVERSE, THE WAY MAGELLAN PILOTED A VESSEL AROUND THE EARTH! I'LL PROVE THE UNIVERSE IS ROUND AS WE DID THE EARTH!
TEDDY DOES MORE THAN DREAM ABOUT HIS AMBITIONS! HE STUDIES HARD--WINS HIGH HONORS--ENROLLS IN THE AIR FORCE, SPACE-DIVISION ...
YOUR EXPERIMENT IS BOUND TO WIN THE SCIENCE PRIZE, TED!
CADET THEODORE LARKIN REPORTING FOR DUTY, SIR!
TWO DAYS AFTER GRADUATION, SPACE-LIEUTENANT TED LARKIN HALTS IN AMAZEMENT AS A PORTABLE RADIO BLARES THE NEWS...
WE INTERRUPT OUR BROADCAST TO ANNOUNCE--PROJECT MARS IS SUCCESSFUL! COLONEL EDWIN BLAKE HAS RADIOED HE HAS LANDED ON THE RED PLANET!
OH, NO!
UPON HIS RETURN TO EARTH, COLONEL BLAKE TELEVISES HIS REPORT TO THE WORLD...
IT WAS A ROUTINE FLIGHT UNTIL I WAS ABOUT TO LAND! SUDDENLY... WITHOUT WARNING I WAS ATTACKED BY A MONSTROUS BIRD!...

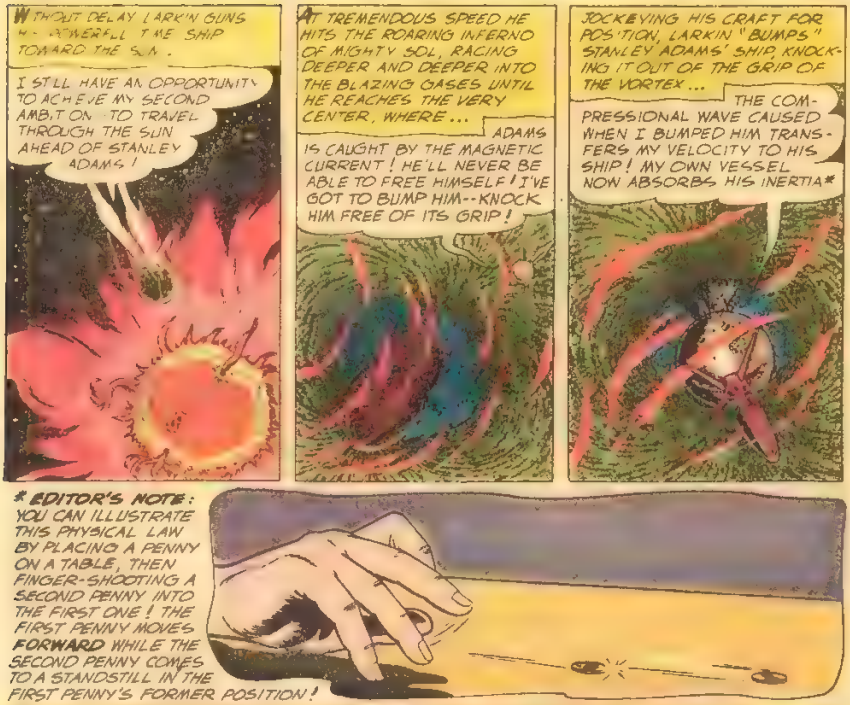
"THE CREATURE SWOOPED DOWN AND CLUNG TO THE HULL WITH GIANT CLAWS AND POWERFUL BEAK! I THOUGHT SURE MY TRIP WOULD END IN DISASTER ..."
"AND THEN TO MY ASTONISHMENT..."
THE BIRD VANISHED--INTO NOTHINGNESS--ENABLING ME TO MAKE A SAFE LANDING!
TEN MORE YEARS PASS--AND TED LARKIN HAS BECOME A SPACE-CAPTAIN AND HEAD OF THE RESEARCH DIVISION OF THE SPACE-FORCE...
HEARD THE NEWS, CAPTAIN! STANLEY ADAMS JUST MADE IT--THROUGH THE SUN!
WHAAT?!
COMPELLED BY A BITTERNESS OF SPIRIT, HE ATTENDS THE CEREMONY HONORING ASTRONAUT STANLEY ADAMS..
...AND ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS, I PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SOLAR MEDAL OF HONOR!
I SHOULD HAVE WON THAT AWARD!
"MY SPACE-CRAFT WAS AT THE CORE OF THE SUN WHEN IT BECAME CAUGHT IN A TREMENDOUS VORTEX OF MAGNETIC AND ELECTRIC FORCES! AROUND AND AROUND I SPUN--"
CAN'T PULL THE SHIP OUT! I'M DOOMED--!
"THEN THE INEXPLICABLE HAPPENED! SOMETHING HIT MY SHIP... AND I BROKE THROUGH THE VORTEX!"


REALIZING THAT ONLY ONE AMBITION IS LEFT HIM, TED LARKIN DRIVES HIMSELF DAY AFTER DAY, YEAR AFTER YEAR ...
TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE UNIVERSE, I'LL NEED A SPACE-OVERDRIVE! I'VE GOT TO INVENT ONE!
ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL! NOW HEAR THIS!
WIND VELOCITY
NUCLEAR PHYSICIST FREDERICK TOMKINS HAS JUST RETURNED TO EARTH AFTER AN INCREDIBLE TRIP--AROUND THE UNIVERSE!
BEATEN AGAIN!
THAT NIGHT WHEN TOMKINS SPEAKS OVER A PLANETARY TV HOOKUP- TED LARKIN IS HIS MOST AVID LISTENER ...
BY TRAVELING AT MULTI-LIGHT SPEED, IT TOOK ME ONLY TEN YEARS TO GO AROUND THE UNIVERSE!*
* Editor's Note: EINSTEIN THEORIZED THAT THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE UNIVERSE IS ABOUT 25 BILLION LIGHT YEARS!

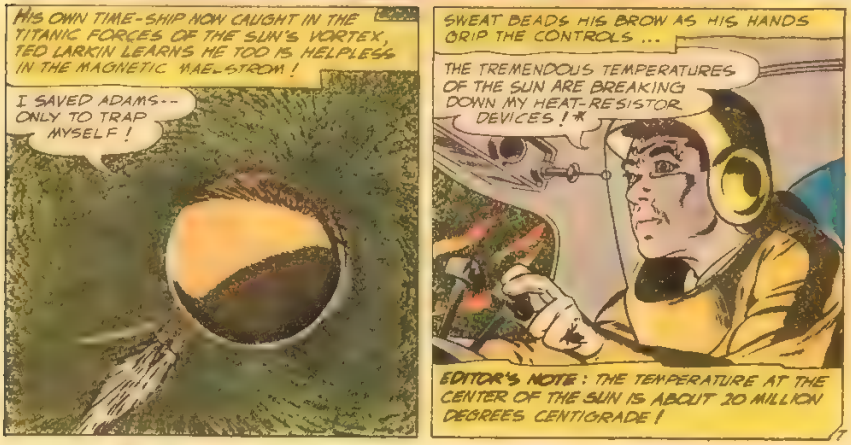

THE STRANGEST OCCURRENCE ON MY JOURNEY HAPPENED NOT TO ME--BUT TO MY SPACESHIP!"
LOOK--THE CHEMISTEEL HULL OF THE SHIP HAS TURNED TO SOLID LEAD! WHAT STRANGE COSMIC FORCE CAUSED THAT TO HAPPEN?
WE'LL PROBABLY NEVER KNOW!
BITTER--DISILLUSIONED--FRUSTRATED--TED LARKIN SITS FOR HOURS IN THE PARK UNTIL ...
WHA-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
EARTHQUAKE! BETTER GET TO SHELTER!
RRRUMMBLE!
SCORNING PERSONAL SAFETY, LARKIN DASHES TO HIS LABORATORY WHERE HE FINDS A COMPLETE SHAMBLES...
RUINED! EVERYTHING HERE--SMASHED--JUST LIKE MY SPACE-TRAVELING AMBITIONS!


IN A SUDDEN BURST OF FURY HE HURLS A GLASS BEAKER INTO THE WRECKAGE...
I'VE BEEN A FOOL! I'VE WASTED MY ENTIRE LIFE PURSUING AN ELUSIVE-- HUH, WHAT'S THAT?
HIS EYES ARE CAUGHT AND HELD BY A STRANGELY GLITTERING CHUNK OF METAL...
LOOKS LIKE A NEW KIND OF METALLIC ALLOY! WHEN THE EARTH-QUAKE SCRAMBLED EVERYTHING -- THE FREAK ACCIDENT MUST HAVE CAUSED IT TO FORM!
FILLED WITH NEW ZEST, TED LARKIN WORKS ON AND ON IN HIS REPAIRED LABORATORY-- TESTING, CHECKING, EXPERIMENTING -- UNTIL AT LAST...
THIS UNKNOWN METAL HAS THE ODD PROPERTY OF DISTORTING TIME! USING IT AS A FUEL I COULD BUILD A MACHINE WHICH CAN TRAVEL THROUGH TIME! WHY, THAT MEANS --
HIS EYES GLITTER AND HIS CHEEKS FLUSH WITH SUDDEN TRIUMPH!
BY GOING BACK IN TIME TO THE PAST-- I CAN STILL BE THE FIRST TO LAND ON MARS, FIRST TO GO THROUGH THE SUN, FIRST TO GO AROUND THE UNIVERSE! I HAVEN'T LOST OUT! I'VE WON -- OVER HISTORY ITSELF!
IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOW, TED LARKIN CONSTRUCTS A SPECIALLY DESIGNED VESSEL IN WHICH TO TRAVEL THE TIME DIMENSION...
MY FIRST VISIT WILL BE TO MARS -- JUST BEFORE COLONEL BLAKE LANDED! I'LL BE THE FIRST MAN ON MARS, NOT BLAKE!

SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE TIME MACHINE IS HOVERING ABOVE THE PLANET MARS, SCANNING THE SURFACE BEFORE COLONEL EDWIN BLAKE IS DUE TO LAND...
THERE'S BLAKE NOW! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TIME-TRAVEL A FEW MINUTES AHEAD OF HIM--AND I'LL BEAT HIM ONTO MARS!
THE FLAPPING OF MIGHTY WINGS DISTRACTS THE TIME TRAVELER'S ATTENTION AS A GIANT BIRD SWOOPS ONTO THE EARTH-SHIP CLAWING AT IT WITH MIGHTY BEAK AND TALONS!
BLAKE SPOKE ABOUT THAT BIRD, N HIS TELECAST! WHY, HE REALLY IS IN DEADLY DANGER!
I CAN'T LET BLAKE DIE! I MUST SAVE HIM!
HURTLING FORWARD, THE TIME-SHIP WHIPS AROUND THE FLYING MONSTER, STRIKING IT WITH SHOCK WAVES...
THE STRAIN OF BEING DRAWN INTO THE TIME STREAM WILL BE TOO GREAT FOR THE BIRD! IN AN INSTANT--IT WILL VANISH COMPLETELY!
FOR A LONG INSTANT, TED LARKIN STARES DOWN AT MARS AND AT BLAKE'S SHIP RESTING ON ITS VANES...
BY SAVING BLAKE'S LIFE, I FORFEITED MY CHANCE OF LANDING ON MARS AHEAD OF HIM! FUNNY HOW IT WORKED OUT! I MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ACHIEVE MY AMBITION!


WITHOUT DELAY LARKIN GUNS HIS POWERFUL TIME SHIP TOWARD THE SUN.
I STILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE MY SECOND AMBITION TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE SUN AHEAD OF STANLEY ADAMS!
AT TREMENDOUS SPEED HE HITS THE ROARING INFERNO OF MIGHTY SOL, RACING DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE BLAZING GASES UNTIL HE REACHES THE VERY CENTER, WHERE...
ADAMS IS CAUGHT BY THE MAGNETIC CURRENT! HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FREE HIMSELF! I'VE GOT TO BUMP HIM--KNOCK HIM FREE OF ITS GRIP!
JOCKEYING HIS CRAFT FOR POSITION, LARKIN "BUMPS" STANLEY ADAMS' SHIP, KNOCKING IT OUT OF THE GRIP OF THE VORTEX...
THE COMPRESSIONAL WAVE CAUSED WHEN I BUMPED HIM TRANSFERS MY VELOCITY TO HIS SHIP! MY OWN VESSEL NOW ABSORBS HIS INERTIA*

***EDITOR'S NOTE:** YOU CAN ILLUSTRATE THIS PHYSICAL LAW BY PLACING A PENNY ON A TABLE, THEN FINGER-SHOOTING A SECOND PENNY INTO THE FIRST ONE! THE FIRST PENNY MOVES **FORWARD** WHILE THE SECOND PENNY COMES TO A STANDSTILL IN THE FIRST PENNY'S FORMER POSITION!*


HIS OWN TIME-SHIP NOW CAUGHT IN THE TITANIC FORCES OF THE SUN'S VORTEX, TED LARKIN LEARNS HE TOO IS HELPLESS IN THE MAGNETIC MAELSTROM!
I SAVED ADAMS--ONLY TO TRAP MYSELF!
SWEAT BEADS HIS BROW AS HIS HANDS GRIP THE CONTROLS...
THE TREMENDOUS TEMPERATURES OF THE SUN ARE BREAKING DOWN MY HEAT-RESISTOR DEVICES!*
EDITOR'S NOTE: THE TEMPERATURE AT THE CENTER OF THE SUN IS ABOUT 20 MILLION DEGREES CENTIGRADE!

EXERTING ALL HIS STRENGTH, HE STRAINS TO ESCAPE THE OVERWHELMING FORCES...

IF I DON'T PULL FREE OF THE VORTEX SOON--THE SHIP AND I WILL BE VAPORIZED!

FOR LONG MOMENTS HE HOLDS THE CONTROLS AT FULL POWER--HIS GEARS LINKED TO THE GREAT STRESSES OF TIME AND SPACE--UNTIL THE TIME-SHIP TREMBLES FAINTLY...

MOVE! MORE OR--

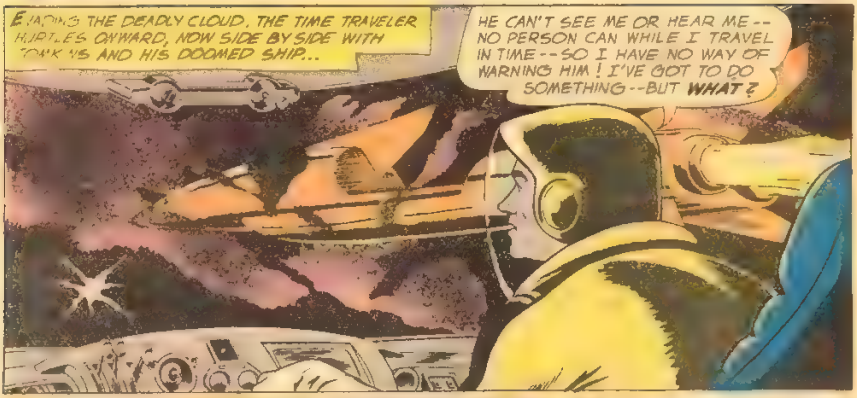
SUDDENLY, WITH A GIGANTIC LURCH, THE TIME-VESSEL LUNGES FREE OF THE SUN'S GRIP...

MADE IT! Whew!! BUT--TWO OF MY AMBITIONS ARE FINISHED! HISTORY AND FATE ARE JOINING FORCES TO DEFEAT ME! I WON'T GIVE UP, THOUGH...

SLIPPING THE CONTROL LEVERS INTO SPACE-OVERDRIVE, HE SLAMS THE SHIP FORWARD AT FASTER-THAN-LIGHT-SPEED ACROSS THE COSMOS...

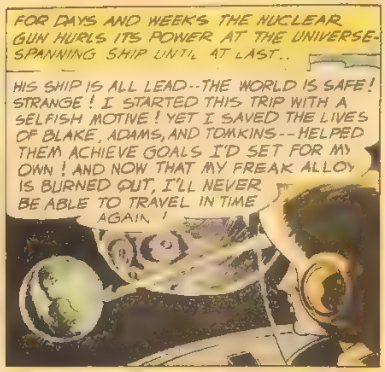
I'M OVERTAKING TOMKINS' SHIP ON ITS ROUNDTRIP OF THE UNIVERSE! NOW I'LL ADVANCE THE GEARS A NOTCH--GO PAST HIM BY A FEW MINUTES! NO--WAIT!

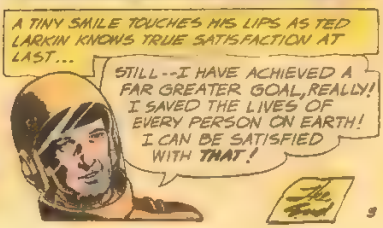
THAT **COSMIC CLOUD** HE'S ENTERING--MY INSTRUMENTS TELL ME IT'S **DEADLY RADIOACTIVE!** IF HE LANDS HIS SHIP ON EARTH WITH ITS HULL RADIOACTIVE--**HE'LL DOOM EVERYONE ON THE PLANET!**


EVADING THE DEADLY CLOUD, THE TIME TRAVELER HURTLES ONWARD, NOW SIDE BY SIDE WITH TOMKINS AND HIS DOOMED SHIP...
HE CAN'T SEE ME OR HEAR ME -- NO PERSON CAN WHILE I TRAVEL IN TIME -- SO I HAVE NO WAY OF WARNING HIM! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING -- BUT WHAT?

RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES LOSE THEIR RADIOACTIVITY AFTER MILLIONS OF YEARS --
BUT I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG! I'VE GOT TO HASTEN THE PROCESS BY BUILDING A NUCLEAR BOMBARDMENT CANNON -- AND BLASTING HIS HULL WITH IT!

WORKING WITH FRENZIED SPEED, LARKIN SOON CONSTRUCTS HIS ODD WEAPON AND AIMS IT ACROSS THE VOID..
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THIS WILL TAKE BUT I'M GOING TO STAY WITH IT UNTIL THE WORLD IS SAFE! WHEN HIS RADIOACTIVE HULL TURNS TO LEAD,* NO ONE WILL BE HARMED!
*EDITOR'S NOTE: LEAD IS THE HARMLESS END-PRODUCT OF RADIOACTIVE ELEMENTS!


FOR DAYS AND WEEKS THE NUCLEAR GUN HURLS ITS POWER AT THE UNIVERSE-SPANNING SHIP UNTIL AT LAST..
HIS SHIP IS ALL LEAD -- THE WORLD IS SAFE! STRANGE! I STARTED THIS TRIP WITH A SELFISH MOTIVE! YET I SAVED THE LIVES OF BLAKE, ADAMS, AND TOMKINS -- HELPED THEM ACHIEVE GOALS I'D SET FOR MY OWN! AND NOW THAT MY FREAK ALLOY IS BURNED OUT, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TRAVEL IN TIME AGAIN!


A TINY SMILE TOUCHES HIS LIPS AS TED LARKIN KNOWS TRUE SATISFACTION AT LAST...
STILL -- I HAVE ACHIEVED A FAR GREATER GOAL, REALLY! I SAVED THE LIVES OF EVERY PERSON ON EARTH! I CAN BE SATISFIED WITH THAT!
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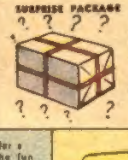

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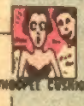

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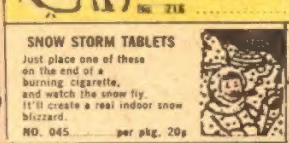

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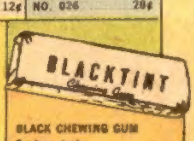

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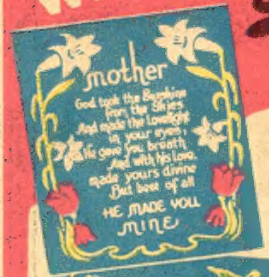

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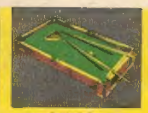
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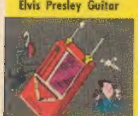
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